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SUBJECT: W/W - ONA AND RUTH LILES

REFS: ADDIS ABABA 4835 AND PREVIOUS

1. IT NOW APPEARS OPTIMISM EXPRESSED REFTEL MAY HAVE BEEN PREMATURE. WHEN LILES SAW TAX AUTHORITIES THIS MORNING (8/12) HE WAS INFORMED THAT NO IRREGULARITIES WERE FOUND IN TAX PAYMENTS FOR ETHIOPIAN EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED WHETHER SCHOOL WAS NOT BUSINESS RATHER THAN MISSION. HE NOW FEARS THAT IF SCHOOL IS HELD TO HAVE BEEN BUSINESS BACK TAXES WILL BE ASSESSED.

2. FILE HAS NOW BEEN RETURNED TO FINANCE MINISTRY FROM INLAND REVENUE. LILES FEELS THAT BASIS OF DIFFICULTY IS THAT BOOKS FOR 1976 (LAST YEAR FOR WHICH THERE IS AUDITOR'S REPORT) SHOW DEPRECIATION FUND OF APPROXIMATELY USD 100,000 WHICH ETHIOPIANS SUSPECT IS PROFIT. FUNDS WERE USED IN 1977 TO PAY OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM SCHOOL CLOSURE. ALTHOUGH 1977 AUDIT NOT YET DONE, HE HOPES TO PROVIDE TRIAL BALANCES WHICH WILL ALLAY CONCERN AND ALLOW HIM GET TAX CLEARANCE.

3. EMBASSY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH LILES AND WILL INFORM DEPT OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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4. SENATOR GOLDWATER AND CONGRESSMAN RHODES INTERESTED. TIENKEN

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